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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Civil Action No. 2:22-cv-5746-CCC-SDA

Plaintiff,

vs.

LAKELAND BANK,

Defendant.

**CERTIFICATION OF NIKHIL V. GORE, ESQ. IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR
PRO HAC VICE ADMISSION**

I, Nikhil V. Gore, Esq., of full age, hereby certify as follows:

1. I am an attorney at law in the District of Columbia and a partner at the law firm of Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, DC. I make this certification in support of the motion by defendant Lakeland Bank (“Lakeland”)¹ seeking my *pro hac vice* admission in this matter.

¹ Lakeland Bank was acquired by Provident Bank on May 16, 2024.

2. I am a member in good standing of the Bars of the District of Columbia, New York, and Massachusetts. Please see the attached Certificates of Good Standing.

3. Lakeland is represented in this matter by Jehan A. Patterson of Covington & Burling LLP. Lakeland has requested that I also represent them in this case.

4. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against me in any jurisdiction and no discipline has previously been imposed on me in any jurisdiction.

5. I respectfully request that I be admitted to appear and practice before this Court in this matter.

6. I hereby designate Jehan A. Patterson of Covington & Burling LLP, trial bar member of this Court, as local counsel pursuant to Local Rule 101.1(c), and as attorney of record.

7. If this application to appear *pro hac vice* is granted, I agree to abide by the Rules governing this Court, including but not limited to Local Rule 101.1(c).

8. In accordance with Local Rule 101.1(c)(2), I agree to make payment to the New Jersey Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection as provided by New Jersey Court Rule 1:28-2(a) and to make such other payments to the Clerk of the Court as required by Local Rule 101.1(c).

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

DATED: June 13, 2025

By: s/ Nikhil V. Gore
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*On behalf of JULIO A. CASTILLO, Clerk of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals,
the District of Columbia Bar does hereby certify that*

Nikhil Vikas Gore

*was duly qualified and admitted on April 7, 2014 as an attorney and counselor entitled to
practice before this Court; and is, on the date indicated below, an Active member in good
standing of this Bar.*

*In Testimony Whereof,
I have hereunto subscribed my
name and affixed the seal of this
Court at the City of
Washington, D.C., on June 09, 2025.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julio A. Castillo".
JULIO A. CASTILLO
Clerk of the Court

Issued By:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Chu".
David Chu - Director, Membership
District of Columbia Bar Membership

For questions or concerns, please contact the D.C. Bar Membership Office at 202-626-3475 or email memberservices@dcbar.org.



*Appellate Division of the Supreme Court
of the State of New York
Third Judicial Department*

I, Robert D. Mayberger, Clerk of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Third Judicial Department, do hereby certify that

Nikhil Vikas Gore

was duly licensed and admitted to practice as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in all the courts of this State on January 19, 2012, has duly taken and subscribed the oath of office prescribed by law, has been enrolled in the Roll of Attorneys and Counselors at Law on file in this office, is duly registered with the Office of Court Administration, and according to the records of this Court is currently in good standing as an Attorney and Counselor-at-Law.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand in the City of Albany on June 9, 2025.



Robert D. Mayberger

Clerk of the Court



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To Whom It May Concern:

An attorney admitted to practice by this Court may request a certificate of good standing, which is the only official document this Court issues certifying to an attorney's admission and good standing.

An attorney's registration status, date of admission and disciplinary history may be viewed through the attorney search feature on [the website of the Unified Court System](#).

New York State does not register attorneys as active or inactive.

An attorney may request a disciplinary history letter from the [Attorney Grievance Committee of the Third Judicial Department](#).

Bar examination history is available from the [New York State Board of Law Examiners](#).

Instructions, forms and links are available on [this Court's website](#).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert D. Mayberger".

Robert D. Mayberger
Clerk of the Court

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK, SS.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that at the Supreme Judicial Court holden at Boston within and for said County of Suffolk, on **November 28, 2011**,
said Court being the highest Court of Record in said Commonwealth:

Nikhil Vikas Gore

being found duly qualified in that behalf, and having taken and subscribed the oaths required by law, was admitted to practice as an Attorney, and, by virtue thereof, as a Counsellor at Law, in any of the Courts of the said Commonwealth: that said Attorney is at present a member of the Bar, and is in good standing according to the records of this Court*.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the

seal of said Court, this **tenth** day of **June**

in the year of our Lord **two thousand and twenty-five**.



Allison S. Cartwright
ALLISON S. CARTWRIGHT, CLERK

* Records of private discipline, if any, such as a private reprimand imposed by the Board of Bar Overseers or by any court, are not covered by this certification. X3116.